

**Governmental Affairs Committee
Regular Meeting
July 14, 2005 – 3:30 p.m.
Tribal Office Board Room**

1. Call to Order & Roll Call-

Committee Chairperson Laurie Boivin called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m. Those present: Jeremy Weso, Ben Kaquatosh, Kathy Kaquatosh and Bob Lansing. Karen Washinawatok and Marci Hawpetoss were absent. Also present for the meeting was, Dan Maine, Susan Waukau, John Wilhelmi, Jim Horton and Ben Butler.

2. Moment of Silence-A moment of silence was observed.

3. Review of Minutes Dated June 2, June 9 and June 20, 2005-

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the minutes of June 2, June 9 and June 20, 2005. Motion was seconded by Bob Lansing. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

4. Discuss/Action on TPA Analysis & Rate Review-

Dan Maine from Insurance and Ben Butler from Virchow Krause were present to discuss with the committee changing insurance companies. Ben and Dan thoroughly went over the options with the committee and it was their recommendation to go with Wausau Benefits for Insurance and Delta Dental for dental coverage. After the committee discussed the issue and asked all their questions, they decided to go with the same recommendation.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to accept the recommendation from Virchow Krause & Company to enter into contract with Wausau Benefits and Delta Dental to be effective October 1, 2005. Motion was seconded by Bob Lansing. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to go with the Health Plan Budget funding rates that will allow for a \$250,000 reserve. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

5. Discuss Action on Wolf River Development Charter-

Committee went into lengthy discussion regarding the issue. Committee would like John Wilhelmi to separate Wolf River Development from WICK Homes and to clean up the current charter.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that the Home Construction Sales Contracting functions be separated from the WRDC Charter and that the Legal Services Department create a new charter for those functions and services and that Legal clean up the existing charter. Motion was seconded by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

6. Discuss/Action on Flag Use Policy-

Committee discussed the issue at the last meeting and Jeremy was asked to make all the changes. Jeremy brought the final draft of the policy and the committee reviewed it and decided to send it to the Menominee Tribal Legislature for approval.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to approve the Tribal Flag Policy with recommended changes and send to Menominee Tribal Legislature for approval. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

7. Discuss/Action on Requests for Proposals/Judgment Fund Interest-

Chairperson Boivin is working on the issue and requested that if any committee member has any changes, corrections or additions to please submit them to her by the end of this month. Once Chairperson Boivin compiles all the information, Jeremy will clean up the document.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to table. Motion was seconded by Kathy Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

8. Discuss/Action on Amendments to Ordinance 82-10 Tribal Preference-

Chairperson Boivin stated that the committee will not make any changes to the ordinance until the Personnel Policies & Procedures are complete.

Motion made by Bob Lansing to table. Motion was seconded by Jeremy Weso. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

9. Update on Wage Deduction Policy-

Rob Orcutt in Program Attorney's Office is currently working on the policy and committee is waiting to hear from him.

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to table. Motion was seconded by Bob Lansing. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

10. Discuss/Action on Rules of Procedure-

Committee has been working on the Rules of Procedure for a long time and Jeremy would like any changes, corrections, and deletions to him by the end of the month so the committee can discuss it at the next regular meeting.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to table. Motion was seconded by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

11. Discuss/Action on Ordinance 95-04 Tribal Government Plan-

Chairperson Boivin stated that the committee was requested to go over the ordinance because some departments were left out of the flow chart and need to report some committee. Historic Preservation would like to be moved from the Community Development Committee. Chairperson Boivin stated that Tribal Chairman Michael Chapman would like to have at least 2 Legislators on every committee.

Committee decided to make that one change since it seemed fairly easy to do and for the next meeting, the committee would like a whole copy of 95-04 and not just the amendments.

Motion made by Bob Lansing to recommend to the Menominee Tribal Legislature that all Legislative Committee's must have a minimum of 2 Legislative members. Motion was seconded by Ben Kaquatosh. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

12. Discuss/Action on Short Term Disability-

Dan Maine is working on the disability issue and the committee is still waiting for him to bring something in on the subject.

Motion made by Jeremy Weso to table. Motion was seconded by Bob Lansing. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

13. Discuss/Action on Computerization for MTL/Board Room-

Chairperson Boivin is asking that MIS set up a demonstration with all the new equipment will all the Legislators. No action was taken.

14. Other Business-

Committee discussed the MTL motion and at first it was thought that the issue of setting up a Special General Council on the Constitution & Bylaws was sent to the Governmental Affairs Committee but the motion states that MTL has to set up the meeting and once the meeting is held, the public commentary will be sent to this committee.

Committee members set the date for the next Personnel Policies & Procedures meeting and it will be held on Monday August 1, 2005 at 1:00 p.m.

15. Adjournment-

Motion made by Ben Kaquatosh to adjourn. Motion was seconded by Bob Lansing. All those in favor of the motion signify by saying aye, 4-for, 0-opposed, 2-absent. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Legislative Staff Services